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ON THE GAS QUESTION

Secretary Bridle Discusses several Phases of the Business.

The News has received the following communication from Secretary M. H. Bridle of the Board of Trade relative to the question of issuing \$30,000 municipal bonds for the building of a gas plant. The date of the election is Feb. 24 and its near approach makes it incumbent upon every public spirited voter to inform himself upon the question at issue. Don't fail to read Mr. Bridle's letter.

Editor Sierra Madre News,

Dear Sir:—The day is approaching when it will be up to Sierra Madre citizens to decide if they want the city to own and conduct our gas plant. As one of those who have taken an active part in bringing the matter to the point where the citizens will have an opportunity to vote on the matter, I feel it is only right that they should be informed of the reasons which have caused me to urge the wisdom of voting \$30,000 bonds to erect and equip a gas plant.

Some people in our city do not know that great fortunes have been made in the gas manufacturing business. Yet such is the case. The failure of a gas company is almost unheard of. Every gas plant in the southwest has made money. Many of them have been sold out at a great advance over the original cost to new companies. To the point is the recent sale of the City Gas Co., of Los Angeles, to the Pacific Light and Power Co. The City Co. was only two years old, yet it sold out its \$900,000 plant for \$1,350,000, an advance of \$450,000, the new owners binding themselves to lay an additional 100 miles of mains at once. This is on the published statement of J. R. Sartori, president of the Security Savings Bank.

Almost every gas plant in towns and cities of this section has changed hands at great advances over original cost. And even with inflated valuations they are paying good returns. At San Pedro a plant built at a cost of \$25,000 produces 1,000 cubic feet of gas at a cost of less than 50 cents. This gas is sold at \$1.35 per 1,000 feet. A reputable gas engineer informs me that ten of the Edison companies costing \$500,000 paid \$100,000 in dividends, equal to 20%. These included several plants in poor condition. Another leading construction engineer informs me that their plants net a profit of 50% with gas selling at \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet. The slightest investigation will convince anyone that there are large profits in the gas business.

These things being found true, our citizens are asked to vote for municipal ownership on that account solely. Whatever profit there is in our local

plant should go into the city treasury for the upbuilding of our town and should not be sent out of town to alien stockholders who do our city little or no good.

A city gas plant can easily be shown to pay a profit. This profit will more than pay interest on the bonds and provide a sinking fund to retire the bonds as they come due. The only possible charge on the tax payers will be for the first year's interest on the bonds. This would require 10 cents on the hundred dollars at present valuation. That certainly is a small amount to pay for an investment that will eventually put from 25 to 40 per cent into the city treasury.

The only possible contention to be made against the plan is that the city cannot carry on the business. This is an absurd contention, for the city is a corporation and can properly conduct its business as any other corporation. Not all the stockholders in a railroad are expert railroad men, but they employ expert men to run the business for them. And so our trustees will employ expert help in running the gas plant.

As showing that a city can make a good thing out of the gas business I want to quote from the annual report of the town of Santa Clara. This shows receipts from gas plant to be \$16,565.90; expenditures (including all operating charges, interest on bonds, repairs of all sorts, etc.), \$9,473.94; leaving a profit of \$7,091.96. Had the Santa Clara people feared the bugaboo of "taxes" and "a city can't run a gas plant successfully," which we hear now and then, that \$7,000 profit would probably be \$10,000 profit in private pockets.

Remember if you vote "YES" on the city gas bonds you are not voting money but are merely putting the city's guarantee on the bonds. The people to pay the bonds will be the consumers. In this case as in all others the consumer pays the bill. But the profit stays in the city's treasury and the consumer thus retains his interest in it as he would not do under private ownership.

Respectfully,
M. H. BRIDLE.
Sierra Madre, Feb. 10.

SPECIAL LINCOLN STAMPS

Postmaster Yerxa received a few sheets of the special Lincoln anniversary stamps to be placed on sale on Lincoln's birthday. The stamps bear an excellent reproduction of a bas-relief portrait of Lincoln and the date "Feb. 12, 1809-1909." A few of the stamps were sent to every postoffice in the country to be kept on sale until disposed of.

Dr. R. H. Mackerras is wearing his widest smile this week and his friends are smoking the best offering of Bechtelheimer's cigar case. It's a boy, the first one, and arrived Wednesday morning.

NEW HOTEL PROJECT

Board of Trade Takes Up Problem of Caring for Tourists

At Monday evening's meeting of the Board of Trade results of the recent banquet were clearly in evidence. Among them were increased enthusiasm and the addition of twelve new members.

Chief among the matters taken up for consideration was a first class tourist hotel and how to secure it. The matter was broached by N. H. Hosmer and discussed by several other members. As a result of the discussion a committee was appointed to take up the matter and see what could be done toward the consummation of such a project. The following named gentlemen constitute the committee: Messrs. Charles S. Kersting, J. J. Graham, J. W. Keys, W. S. Andrews, C. W. Jones, A. S. Mead, M. H. Bridle, W. H. Kindig. They were instructed to consider suitable sites, cost of hotel of type suited to local needs, prospects of financing the project, and to report at the next meeting.

The advantages of Sierra Madre as a site for such a hotel need not be enlarged upon here. It has been shown in the experience of Manager Kindig of Hotel Sierra Madre, and others that it is comparatively easy to get people of means to come to Sierra Madre but difficult to keep them here because of inadequate hotel accommodations. With a modern hotel building tourists and others would be attracted here for stays of greater or less length. The natural result would be the acquisition of many such persons as permanent residents and property owners.

As for the financial side of the project there seemed to be a firm conviction among many of those present that a majority of the stock in a \$75,000 or \$100,000 enterprise could be raised in Sierra Madre. If this can be done the consummation of the plan is assured.

Captain J. A. Osgood, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, addressed the Board on the subject of observing Lincoln's birthday and centenary.

New members received by the Board at the meeting were: M. W. Copps, C. H. Baker, C. R. Street, C. J. Fox, M. D. Wright, J. A. Patterson, Malcolm Campbell, J. D. Mackerras, L. Dietz, M. C. Doucet, Leigh R. Smith, W. A. Evans.

PUBLIC MASS MEETING

All citizens, women as well as men, are urged to attend the public mass meeting to be held in Town Hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, for the purpose of discussing the question of

MUNICIPAL GAS.

Speakers will present reliable date regarding the gas business as applicable to the local situation. Come out and get straight. The hour is 8 p. m.

WATER CO. MEETING

Old Officers Re-elected—May Re-Organize on Entirely New Basis.

Officers of the Sierra Madre Water Co. for the ensuing year, elected Thursday evening at the annual meeting are:

President—W. S. Andrews.
Vice-President—J. A. Osgood.
Secretary and Treasurer — H. G. Flint.

Superintendent—G. E. Morgan.
Directors—J. G. Blumer, W. S. Andrews, J. A. Osgood, C. W. Jones, A. N. Carter, L. Dietz, L. C. Torrance.

In his annual report, President Andrews made a number of recommendations, among them the granting of increased power to the directors in the matter of expenditures, the substitution of larger pipe for some mains now in use and the securing of additional water which is available in Bailey's canyon at reasonable expense. He estimated the amount necessary for improvements and enlargements of the system in the next three years at \$25,000. Urging the inadequacy of the old form of organization and government of the company to cope with its growing business, he recommended that the question of reorganizing into a corporation for profit be investigated and that some arrangement be made whereby non-stockholders can secure water service.

A resolution was presented by L. C. Torrance embodying the president's recommendations for investigating reorganization and providing for a committee to report at an adjourned meeting after setting forth their findings to the stockholders in a circular letter. The resolution was passed, the date of the adjourned meeting being set at April 8. The findings of the committee will be mailed to the stockholders at least two weeks before the meeting.

The president appointed on the committee Messrs. T. E. Yerxa, J. A. Osgood, J. C. Pegler, C. W. Jones, J. G. Blumer, L. Dietz, L. E. Steinberger, L. C. Torrance, A. N. Carter, W. S. Andrews and E. H. Vannier, the last-named gentleman being appointed in place of N. H. Hosmer, who declined to serve.

The counting of ballots on the cumulative plan for directors prolonged the meeting till a late hour but most of those present remained to hear the result. The new board of directors convened immediately after the meeting was adjourned and officers were elected as indicated above.

The "score" of the candidates for director was as follows: Blumer, 9,289.02; Osgood, 6,022.48; Andrews, 5,868.23; Torrance, 5,817.54; Jones, 5,624.58; Dietz, 5,568.87; Carter, 5,497.60; Hosmer, 5,391.84; Hart, 1,184.14.

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LIBRARY BENEFIT

Annual Entertainment for Benefit of Public Library Next Week

For many years one of the chief
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ment line in Sierra Madre has been
the Public Library benefit. This year's
entertainment promises to be one of
the merriest of the merry and will be
held on the evenings of February 19
and 20, Friday and Saturday of next
week. The program will be followed
by dancing and will be as follows:

Song Male Quartet
"The Elk and the Elephant" Mr. Cabot Yerxa
Clog Dance A Professional
Song—"When the Heart is Young," Dudley Buck
Miss Helen B. Wright

Farce—"A Business Meeting."
Characters

Mrs. Gilflora Smithe, president of
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..... Mrs. J. H. Wright

Miss Selina Gray, secretary

..... Miss Ethel Bowers

Mrs. Sampson Miss Daisy Hawks

Mrs. Mercy Brown Miss Edna Staples

Mrs. Crowder Miss Stella Norris

Mrs. Henderson Mrs. Burton Andrews

Mrs. Lowell Mrs. Cabot Yerxa

Miss Araminta Sharp

..... Miss Lenore Morgan

Miss Keene Miss Anita Carter

Miss White Mrs. M. B. Brownson

Intermission

Bones and banjo

..... Mrs. Philip Carter, Mr. Hosmer

Song—"Mignon," Hardelot

Miss Helen B. Wright

Farce—"Gone Abroad."

Characters

Mrs. Nearly Gonn (Aunt

..... Mrs. Brownson

Faith, a niece Miss Lenore Morgan

Hope, another niece, Mrs. Collins

Dance—"A Silent Partner"

..... Mr. L. Dietz

Song—"Drumcolacher"

..... Mr. George Bourke

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary A. Webster celebrated on
Thursday her eightieth birthday anni-
versary. Five of her seven children
were present at the birthday dinner
party, one son, Mr. E. J. Webster,
coming from Brooklyn, N. Y., to par-
ticipate in the memorable occasion.
Mrs. Webster is one of the most re-
vered residents of Sierra Madre and
retains an active interest in all that
takes place. She is a regular attend-
ant at the Church of the Ascension,
taking keen interest in all church af-
fairs. She is a native of Chelmsford,
Essex, England, having removed to
America about 30 years ago. Guests
at the anniversary dinner were Mr.
and Mrs. E. H. Vannier, Mr. and Mrs.
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For the benefit of the Sierra Madre base ball team a vaudeville and musical entertainment will be given Saturday evening, Feb. 13, at Town Hall. Most of the program will be provided by local talent, a few numbers being scheduled by out of town performers. After the program refreshments will be served and dancing will conclude the evening's festivities.

Brief Items of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffman are spending the week end at Elsinore.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvorsen of McHenry, N. D., are visitors at the home of Andrew Olsen.

Miss Minnie Darrow and Mrs. Rust of South Pasadena were guests on Monday of Mrs. Singleton.

Miss Janet Stevenson was the guest of Miss Eleanor Coffeen of Pasadena the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury of Long Beach visited at the Everett home on Grand View this week.

Mrs. William Ulery and Mrs. W. Doan entertained a few friends at six o'clock dinner Wednesday evening.

The Christian Endeavor Social which was announced for Friday evening, Feb. 12, has been postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Joseph Penso and family of Los Angeles, have rented through the A. N. Adams Co., the Evans cottage on Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bergein attended the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldstein in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

E. J. Webster, a well known business man of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Webster, whom he had not seen for sixteen years.

The class in parliamentary law which last week closed a very successful term of work under Mrs. J. A. Osgood, will begin another term next week, the first meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. L. C. Torrance February 18, at 10 a. m.

Mrs. George Edward Munger who has spent the past three months with her mother, Mrs. G. H. Letteau, will leave on Wednesday, February 17, for her home in Chicago. Mrs. Munger's many friends here will regret to have her leave Sierra Madre.

Mr. T. E. Hanson and Miss Clara Hanson of East Orange, N. J., will sail Feb. 16 for the south of France, to be absent until summer. They are well known in Sierra Madre, having spent some time here in recent years.

Weather permitting, Rev. Mr. Griffith will give on Sunday morning at the Church of the Ascension, the talk that he was to have given last Sunday but which was postponed on account of the small attendance. He desires to see every parishioner present.

On Friday evening of last week Mrs. J. H. Wright chaperoned a dancing party at Town Hall. The youngsters had planned a hay-ride in the afternoon but the event was postponed and the dance given on account of inclement weather. A delightful evening was spent at games and dancing.

Several Sierra Madre people were guests at a box party at the Mason last Saturday, witnessing "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The party was given by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Pettit and their guests, who were formerly friends in Chicago, were Mrs. C. H. Perry, Mrs. C. P. Sparks, Miss Eleanor Dwyer and Miss Margaret Eakin.

Miss Lenore Morgan was the guest of friends at Long Beach over Sunday.

O. A. Parley of Ogden, Utah, visited Sierra Madre friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hersting and little Katherine were guests of Pomona friends on Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Blewett of Hollywood was a luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Stanton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Eleanor Collins, a former resident of Sierra Madre, is the guest of Captain and Mrs. J. A. Osgood.

Mr. M. H. Reed, attorney for the Santa Fe railway, was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Camp Thursday.

J. E. Slonaker and family have decided to remain in Los Angeles and have removed their household goods there this week.

Mr. F. A. Hossack, Rev. C. C. Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Lester Robinson of Los Angeles have visited at El Reposo this week.

Tom Dwyer has resumed his former position with the Peck-Hill Furniture Co., of Chicago and left last week for New Orleans and Texas.

Mrs. S. R. G. Twycross entertained several ladies at her home Friday evening of last week in compliment to her sister, Mrs. Coffin of Portland, Me.

S. R. G. Twycross and Howard Hill were elected trustees of the Santa Monica Oil, Gas and Mining Co., at a meeting of the stockholders in Los Angeles Saturday evening.

Miss Cora Toy of San Raphael Heights was the guest at luncheon of Miss Alma Jones on Monday. Later Mrs. Rhea, Miss Blumer and Miss Jones were guests of Miss Toy in an auto party.

Mrs. E. M. Findlay of Los Angeles will speak at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Congregational church next Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Findlay is in charge of the Congregational work among the Chinese in Los Angeles.

The Monday Musical club will meet next Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Staples in Park Manor. A miscellaneous program will be rendered under direction of Mrs. Staples and Miss Staples.

Mrs. N. M. Emery and son, N. R. Emery, have removed to Sierra Madre from Los Angeles and will make their home here. Mrs. Emery is Mrs. J. A. Paterson's mother. Mr. Emery holds a position with the P. E. Railway in Los Angeles.

One of the prettiest of the many charming luncheons enjoyed by the Bridge club was that given by Mrs. C. W. Jones on Tuesday. The rooms were attractively decorated with yellow acacia. The same color scheme was used on the luncheon table, and bon bons of the same sunshiny color were enjoyed. Mrs. Jones was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Holland, and by Mrs. Poulsen, a sister of Mr. Jones. Mrs. Buck of Los Angeles was the only out-of-town guest.

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BY THE WAY

Once more we have before us a tourist hotel project, this time with better prospect of consummation than ever before. It is the sort of a good thing that will not down.

When any man tells you a municipal gas plant is not feasible ask him where he got his information. It is ten to one that he has not gone into the merits of the question at all.

Poor, besmirched Mayor Harper. If he lives through the anti-vice crusade in Los Angeles it will be because he is either so virtuous that his character cannot be blackened or he is so hardened in iniquity that nothing touches him.

On account of Friday, February 12, being declared a legal holiday by the governor, as it should be, it became necessary to issue the News on Saturday morning this week to avoid the publication of legal notices on the holiday. Word regarding the holiday was received too late to plan on getting the paper out on Thursday, which otherwise would have been done.

During the week Mr. Goldrick, Pacific Coast agent for the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Co., of Chicago, brought several capitalists here to inspect the local telephone plant, which is a model of its kind in equipment. The gentlemen are owners of the telephone system at Prescott, Arizona, and are looking for ideas to be incorporated in a new and modern plant there.

Lincoln's Birthday was observed by the public school children with a program at Town Hall Friday morning. Pupils of Miss Campbell's room had prepared papers on the subject of Lincoln's life, which were read. Children from the other rooms contributed several numbers to the program. This was the only school session of the day. The program was enjoyed by several visitors.

VOTE FOR GAS

The best advice of competent, disinterested men who have examined the local situation carefully is to vote for the gas bonds at the special election Feb. 24. Pursuant to instructions from the Board of Trade and City Trustees committees of local business men have visited gas plants in other cities, collected a large amount of data by correspondence and made every possible effort to get reliable information applicable to the present case. These men are not "four flushers" nor theorists but clear-headed business men well able to form correct judgments in affairs of such moment. The News presents their conclusions briefly regarding some of the questions most often raised.

First cost will not be excessive. Several gas engineers have prepared detailed statements showing that a plant can be installed in Sierra Madre at a reasonable cost. There is no guess-work about the amount of money required for the purpose.

The town is not too scattered. In estimating cost of plant the amount of mains required was carefully considered with relation to the distribution of residences. The cost of laying the mains was checked over by men of experience in the Sierra Madre Water Co. They declare the estimate to be adequate and not excessive, with ample provision for serving the largest possible number of people.

Cost of operation will not be excessive. The lay of the land in Sierra Madre is ideal for the operation of a gas system. With the plant located in the southeast corner of town a pressure system will not be necessary. Ample pressure will be given in all parts of town by the force of gravity.

Property of no one will be damaged by proximity to the plant. It is proposed to locate the plant in the Little Santa Anita wash, being the lowest point in the city limits and removed from any residence district.

Tax burdens will not be increased. After the first year, it has been demonstrated as nearly as anything can be proven in advance, the plant will not only be self supporting but will pay interest and bonds as they come due. During the first year (when no business is expected to pay a profit), it is estimated by the city assessor, a tax of 10 cents on each \$100 valuation will cover all costs not provided for by the income of the plant.

Bonding the city for a municipal gas plant will not hamper the further development of our water supply nor the acquisition of the water system by the city at the proper time. Rather, it will assist in these things. With the plant on a profit-earning basis revenue will be provided for other municipal enterprises. Every other gas plant in Southern California pays a profit. Why not try it here?

Sierra Madre now has water—the best in Southern California. Change in management and further development are not so urgent at present as is the securing of gas.

What do you burn? That is the question asked continually by prospective home-makers. And they are always disappointed at not finding fuel gas. Gas would be the greatest single attraction we could offer such people in addition to what we already have. Gas is the solution of the fuel problem in Southern California.

Keep the money at home. Sooner or later private capital, probably from out of town, would take advantage of a negative vote and erect a gas plant here. In that case the profits would go out of town and the only direct advantage gained would be the trade of the family of the one man required to run the gas plant.

A municipal gas plant should not be regarded as a debt but as an asset of the city, which could be realized upon at any time. The issuance of the bonds would not be a step toward bankruptcy but toward financial competency.

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A Communication

Editor Sierra Madre News:—

In sending out invitations to the Board of Trade banquet held last week the entertainment committee made every effort to secure the names of every available man in Sierra Madre. However we have found that some half dozen were overlooked. I feel that it is only just to these and to the committee to state that such omissions were entirely unintentional, as we wanted every man there and had no reasons for leaving out anyone.

A. S. MEAD,
Chairman of Committee.

A. S. Mead reports the transfer of the east 53 feet of lot 22, Prospect tract, Mrs. Charles Couch to Willet R. Engle of Los Angeles. The transfer includes the 5-room house now on the lot.

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Report Furnished by Mr. John G. Blumer.

	Inches
October.....	.34
November.....	.55
December.....	1.91
1909	
January.....	14.81
February 3.....	.28
" " 5.....	.05
" " 6.....	.51
" " 7.....	.52
" " 8.....	.02
" " 11 at noon.....	1.27
Total to date.....	24.79

The average rainfall for the season is 24.66 so that the rainfall to date is already slightly in excess of the average for a complete season.

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Notice of Street Work.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 10th day of December, A.D. 1908, the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre adopted an Ordinance declaring its intention to improve a portion of Sunnyside avenue in said City of Sierra Madre in the manner following, to-wit:

First. That said Sunnyside Avenue from the intersection of Live Oak Avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, including all intersections, (except such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions of said street and intersections as have already been graded to the official line and grade, oiled and accepted by said city,) be graded and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 10.

Second. That a cement curb be constructed along both sides of said Sunnyside avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said street between said intersections where a cement curb has been constructed to line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third. That a cement gutter five (5) feet in width be constructed along the westerly side of said Sunnyside avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said westerly side of said street where a cement gutter five (5) feet in width has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

Fourth. That a cement gutter two and one-half (2½) feet in width be constructed along the easterly side of Sunnyside avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said easterly side of said street where a cement gutter two and one-half (2½) feet in width has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

Fifth. That cement concrete culverts be constructed along and across said Sunnyside avenue, between said termini, where shown on the plans and profiles for such work, and in accordance with the number of the plan designated thereon, and in accordance with city specifications for the construction of cement concrete culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

Sixth. That cement swales be constructed along and across said Sunnyside avenue, between said termini, at such places and of such dimensions as are shown on the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city of Sierra Madre, and in accordance with city specifications No. 7 on file

New Furniture Store

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Having purchased the furniture stock formerly owned by Mr. Hathaway my first desire is to have the people come in and get acquainted.

You will find the store rearranged and also find additions to many lines, making it possible to show you just what you want, and call special attention to our burlaps, window shades and porch curtains. Measures taken and goods cut to order.

We have some holiday goods on hand that are suitable in any season that will be well worth your while to see.

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In the office of the City Clerk of said city.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

And which said Ordinance is known and designated as Ordinance No. 78 of Ordinances of said City, to which said Ordinance reference is hereby made for further particulars.

F. C. LEHMER,
Superintendent of Streets for the City
of Sierra Madre, Cal.
Sierra Madre, Cal., December 21, 1908.

You can do several people a favor by telling your new neighbors about the News. They will find it the easiest means of getting in touch with local people and affairs. And their subscriptions will be received with pleasure at the News office.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sierra Madre Mining and Milling Company will be held at the office of the company on Central avenue near Lima street, Sierra Madre, Los Angeles county, California, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., on February 23, 1909, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

C. M. CLARK, Secretary.
Sierra Madre, California, Feb. 5, 1909.

Every week some patron calls attention to a quick sale brought about by means of News "want" ads. Try them

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All advertising under this heading and reading notices charged for at the rate of five cents per line for each insertion.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs for hatching, fifteen for \$1. Also a few Rhode Island Red laying hens. Red Horse Shoe Poultry Farm. T. H. Graham, N. Lima St. Phone green 1. tf

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Lady's bicycle; will take a good burro or cash. Phone black 1. 19

FOR SALE—Good road cart, run very little and in good condition; \$12.50. W. S. Andrews. 19*

FOR SALE—WOOD. As I am not in the wood business and wish to utilize the land for other purposes I will sell the balance on hand at \$10 a cord delivered. Also have a few cords at \$7, made up of smaller branches and roots. It is excellent wood and very cheap. L. C. Torrance, Park Manor. tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—6-room cottage, furnished; 8-foot porch suitable for sleeping porch; also small barn, fruit trees, etc. J. A. Osgood, Lima St., Home Phone Blue 17. tf

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished, 6-room cottage on North Baldwin Ave. Bed rooms on south. J. A. Madden. tf

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Gold watch fob buckle. Reward for return to A. S. Mead. 19

I. S.P.—Thursday, Jan. 28, probably on Wilden or Grandin, gold-bowed, bi-focal spectacles in steel case. Reward for return to A. S. Mead. 20

MAJESTIC

It is a well known fact that Joseph Jefferson, the late dean of the American stage, and father of Thomas Jefferson who will be seen in "Rip Van Winkle" at the Majestic Theater the week of Feb. 14, was a very close friend and companion to the late Ex-President Grover Cleveland. When Mr. Cleveland was asked as to his opinion of Thomas Jefferson's performance of "Rip" which he saw at Wallack's Theater, New York, he enthusiastically replied:

"I saw one of the best and most remarkable performances I have seen for years. I had supposed that my great love for Joe Jefferson as a man and friend and my unbounded admiration for him as an actor would somehow interfere with my warm approval of anyone else who should undertake the role of poor old Rip. If I had consciously or otherwise allowed such a condition to grow up, it was speedily dispelled when I saw the son of the creator of the character of Rip Van Winkle portray that part in loving imitation, in conscientious strife toward his father's perfection and with individual and personal cultivate characteristics. I am sure I cannot be mistaken when I say that on its independent merits, as well as from every collateral standpoint, those who love the theater can not fail to be pleased with Thomas Jefferson's representation of a character deeply seated in the affections of the American people."

PRISCILLAS GIVE DANCE

Years ago, when Sierra Madre was but a village, a small company of charming young people met and formed a society for the purpose of occasionally spending a few hours together informally in social good fellowship. They called themselves "The Modern Priscillas" and their occasional dances were most enjoyable events. There was usually a dance just before Lent and this came to be looked forward to as an annual event. And in all the years that have passed since the organization of the society the annual Priscilla dance has been one of the nicest events of the whole season, and eagerly anticipated from year to year.

For the annual dance of 1909, held Thursday evening, two hundred invitation were issued, and despite the rain the attendance was large. The hall was decorated in red and green. The proximity of St. Valentine's Day was indicated by the profusion of hearts that adorned the walls. The stage was handsomely adorned with pillars of English ivy.

In the receiving line were Mesdames Bentham, Baker, Stevenson, Camp, Miss Hawks and Miss Blumer. Many beautiful gowns were worn and the scene was one to delight the eyes. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Los Angeles.

MR. JENKINS DEAD

William Fielding Jenkins passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. C. Jenkins, Saturday evening, February 6, after a period of ill health extending over several years. Though he had long been a sufferer his condition became alarming only a few days before the end.

Mr. Jenkins was the son of the late Donelson Caffery Jenkins who passed away last summer. He was born in New Orleans in September, 1862. The father was editor in chief of the New Orleans Picayune during the Civil war, being rated as one of the great war editors of the south. Later he went to Galveston as editor of the Galveston News, where the son began business life in a position on his father's paper. It was his ambition to follow in the footsteps of his father and together they worked until the father's retirement from the newspaper business in 1900, after publishing the Dallas News for a time.

When Mr. Jenkins Senior came to Los Angeles after retirement from active newspaper work the son became associated with him in the management of his business affairs. After the father's death, Mr. Jenkins, the son assumed the management of the estate, his business ability showing to good advantage.

Brief funeral services were held at Pasadena and interment was at Los Angeles.

BELASCO

So successful has been the run of "A Stranger in New York" that the Belasco management are looking forward to an even more successful week with another offering of Hoyt's, namely, "A Texas Steer." This piece has been one of the best fun makers on the American stage and the Belasco company should furnish an evening of unalloyed enjoyment with it as a vehicle next week.

New Tailor Shop

That's what you will think when you step into my enlarged shop. I can now serve you better than ever. Step in and see how cozily I am fixed and take a look at those spring and summer samples. They are great at ready-made prices.

If you wish a suit at \$16 to \$22 I will show you samples from the United States Tailoring Co., the best house of the kind in the world. Suits warranted silk sewed and best workmanship throughout.

AUGUST EKLUND

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 10th day of December, A.D. 1908, the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre adopted an Ordinance declaring its intention to improve a portion of Grandin avenue in said City of Sierra Madre in the manner following, to-wit:

First. That said Grandin avenue from the intersection of Auburn avenue on the east to the intersection of Lima avenue on the west, including all intersections, (except such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions as have already been graded to the official grade, oiled and accepted by said city), be graded in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said City, and be oiled from the west curb line of Auburn avenue on the east to the east curb line of Lima avenue on the west, all in accordance with such plans and profiles and with specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, said specifications being numbered 10.

Second. That a cement curb be constructed along each side of said Grandin avenue between the westerly curb line of Auburn avenue on the east and the easterly curb line of Lima avenue on the west, (except along such portions of said street, between said intersections, where a cement or granite

curb has been constructed to line and grade and accepted by said city), according to plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third. That cement culverts be constructed along and across said Grandin avenue where shown and of the size and dimensions shown, and in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

And which said Ordinance is known and designated as Ordinance No. 79 of Ordinances of said City, to which said Ordinance reference is hereby made for further particulars.

F. C. LEHMER,
Superintendent of Streets for the City
of Sierra Madre, Cal.
Sierra Madre, Cal., December 21, 1908.

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First impressions are often not good ones. To wake up at some towns, in a bank of dense, cold, dripping fog, with bedding and clothing full of fleas and then to find mud deep in the streets, does not create a pleasant frame of mind toward that particular community.

Here is where Sierra Madre has the advantage of nearly every other town in Los Angeles County. The nature of the soil and the slope of the land prevent mud.

Frosts are also prevented by the slope of the land. Air currents at night prevent frost here when both valley below and mountain above are "nipped."

Likewise with fogs. The highest mountains are occasionally enveloped in "high fogs" and so is Sierra Madre. But usually Sierra Madre looks down on top of the fogs which are common in the lower altitudes.

Why fleas do not like this climate we are not prepared to say. But it is a fact that the town is as flealess as it is fogless, frostless and mudless.

And so, Mr. Tourist, see Sierra Madre first. Then see the other towns with all the advantages they have to offer. Then come back to Sierra Madre and it will look better than ever to you. You will appreciate the advantages of a flealess, fogless, frostless and mudless town.

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SCHOOL BONDS INVALID

Upon advice of their attorney the county supervisors have declared invalid the bond issue passed upon at the special election held in this school district last month. The legal advice is based on a technical error in publication of the notice calling the election. The ruling was a surprise to school trustees as well as to the publisher, none of whom was aware of anything irregular in the publication.

The law provides that the notice must be published three times, with not more than a week intervening between successive publications. The first publication of the notice was in the issue of Thursday, Dec. 31, 1908. The paper was issued on Thursday that week on advice of Mr. Haas, then city attorney, that the city publications then running should not be published on a legal holiday. The paper being published on Friday, the regular day, the following week, an interval of eight days between the publications was left. Thus, in the effort to make the official city publications valid the school election notice was inadvertently rendered invalid.

The current statement of the First National Bank issued in response to the call of the comptroller shows continued growth in the business and resources of the local institution. Deposits have increased from \$55,330 to \$65,480 since the statement issued in November. In the same period the total resources have increased from \$106,450 to \$114,999. The deficit has at the same time been wiped out and for the first time since the bank's organization the statement shows a balance in the "undivided profits." Cashier Flint has felt his troubles multiply this week till he has been almost snowed under. The call for the statement of condition of the bank came right in the midst of the worry of winding up the water company's affairs for the year. And along with the rest came Bank Examiner J. A. H. Kerr to look into the affairs of the bank. He found things in first rate condition and went on his way rejoicing.

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB

There was a double program at the Monday afternoon meeting of the Woman's club and a large audience, both of ladies and gentlemen, attended. The first part was given over to celebration of the centenary of Lincoln's birth. After the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," Captain Osgood spoke feelingly of meeting with Lincoln when a boy at the Essex preparatory school and related interesting stories of the great president. He also sang Lincoln's favorite hymn, "My Mission."

Miss Foy of Los Angeles read with fine appreciation Lincoln's Gettysburg address, as well as some of his favorite poems. She also read Walt Whitman's tribute to Lincoln, "Captain, Oh, My Captain," and Edwin Markham's poem entitled "Lincoln, the Man of the People."

After an intermission Mrs. Johanna Von Wagner told interesting stories of Russian colony work in Los Angeles, of their struggles with poverty, their ignorance, superstitions, love for music and great longing for education. At the close of her address she played a number of Russian hymns and folk songs which were enthusiastically received. After adjournment of the session tea was served.

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